GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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EXPLORATION CONTRACTS IN IRAQ
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any exploration contracts of discovered oil fields in South Iraq; and

(b) if so, the details of this contract and the impact of impending war over this contract?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): ONGC Videsh Ltd.(OVL), the wholly owned subsidiary of Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC), had signed a contrac effective from 15.5.2001 for Exploration Block - 8 in the Western Desert of Iraq with Ministry of Oil, Iraq.The project is in the exploration stage. In view of the present situation in Iraq, the first phase of exploration may take longer to be implemented.